

FISCAL NOTE

SB 49 – HB 435

February 9, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Effective January 1, 2006, requires Department of Agriculture to license and inspect kennels housing four or more cats or dogs; requires periodic inspection of kennels; creates Class C misdemeanor for violation; authorizes license fees in amount to be set by Commissioner; earmarks funds from “Animal Friendly” specialty license plate to defray costs of administration.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenues – \$174,000 Biennially
Increase State Expenditures – \$122,000 Recurring
\$ 10,000 One-Time

Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

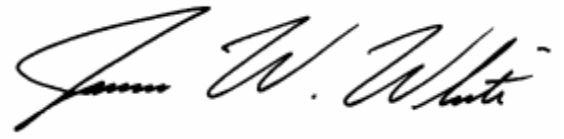
Other Fiscal Impact – Earmarks \$80,000 One-Time to the Department of Agriculture to assist in administering the bill.

Assumptions:

- Earmarks “Animal Friendly” license plate funds in an amount of \$80,000 (one-time only).
- Fees from kennel licensees will be \$174,000 biennially (320 facility licenses renewed biennially at a fee of approximately \$544) to cover the administrative cost for the first two fiscal years. This amount plus the earmarked funds of \$80,000 will provide a total of \$254,000 for the first two years to cover the cost of administering the bill.
- Costs to the Department for two positions, travel for inspections, computers, supplies, programming and other related expenses.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local governments to experience any significant increase in revenues or expenses.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director